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SUBJ: DOMINICA GOVERNMENT SETS INDEPENDENCE FOR 1977

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1. PREMIER PATRICK JOHN OF DOMINICA ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 29 THAT THE ISLAND, NOW AN ASSOCIATED STATE (ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, WHICH UNDER THIS ARRANGEMENT CONTINUES TO BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR DOMINICA'S DEFENCE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS) WOULD ATTAIN FULL INDEPENDENCE IN 1977, ALTHOUGH THE DATE WITHIN THAT YEAR WAS NOT SPECIFIED. THERE IS TO BE NO REFERENDUM OR GENERAL ELECTION PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE, JOHN SAID.

2. MEMBERS OF THE JOHN GOVERNMENT CONFIDED TO THE EMBASSY'S POLOFF WHEN HE VISITED THE ISLAND IN JULY THAT THE PREMIER INTENDED TO MAKE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT ON INDEPENDENCE. ONE CABINET MINISTER MORE SPECIFICALLY CONFIDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT CONTEM-
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PLATED TAKING THE ISLAND TO INDEPENDENCE IN FEBRUARY OF NEXT

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